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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No. 318X)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY—ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION—IN MCLENNAN COUNTY, TEX.

Decided: February 2, 2016

This decision makes, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1011.7(a)(2)(ix), a Finding of No Significant Impact under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(g).

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. pt. 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon 2.45 miles of rail line between milepost 2.31 and milepost 4.76 near Waco, in McLennan County, Tex. (the Line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on January 4, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 142). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on February 3, 2016.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an environmental assessment (EA) on January 8, 2016, solicited comments, and issued a Final EA on January 28, 2016. No environmental or historic preservation issues were raised by any party or identified by OEA. Accordingly, a Finding of No Significant Impact under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(g) will be made pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1011.7(a)(2)(ix).

It is ordered:

1. Abandonment of the Line will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment and conservation of energy resources or on historic resources.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.